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In re Application of:

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Examiner: Huyen Le Ngo

For: METHOD OF IMPARTING PREFERRED ALIGNMENT IN LIQUID CRYSTAL CELLS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This Amendment responds to the non-Final Office Action dated July 19, 2002. The period for response has been extended by one month to November 19, 2002, by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time and corresponding fee. Please reconsider this application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

In the specification:

After the first paragraph on page 2 of the specification, please insert the following new paragraph:

-- Brief Description of the Drawing:

Figure 1 illustrates an embodiment of the invention. A layer of liquid crystal alignment material (2) placed on a wall of a liquid crystal cell (1) is exposed to radiation (3) from an oblique direction, as shown by the direction of arrow (5). The radiation is zonewise patterned in zones (6) and (7) by interposing a microelement array, for example prism (4) having opaque mask (8) placed thereon, between the source of radiation and material.--

In the drawings:

Please add Figure 1 attached to the end of this Amendment.

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